

# DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY PREMISES COMPLAINT FORM

We, the undersigned, consider the Property described below to be dangerous or unsightly as described in the *Municipal Government Act*.

PROPERTY LOCATION:

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CIVIC ADDRESS OR PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

PROPERTY OWNER:

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NAME

**DESCRIPTION OF DANGEROUS OR UNSIGHTLY CONDITION:**

*(Please be specific. Attach additional pages if needed and pictures if available.)*

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COMPLAINANT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT)

SIGNATURE

TELEPHONE NOS.

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ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)

DATE OF COMPLAINT: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE READ INFORMATION ON REVERSE >>>

## PLEASE NOTE:

### 1) **Confidentiality**

Complainants' names will be kept confidential insofar as reasonably possible however confidentiality is not guaranteed.

### 2) **Responsibility of Property Owners**

The *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S. 1998, c.18 as am. states as follows:

s. 344 Every property in a municipality shall be maintained so as not to be dangerous or unsightly.

### 3) **Definition**

The *Municipal Government Act* defines “**dangerous or unsightly**” as follows:

s.3(r) “**dangerous or unsightly**” means partly demolished, decayed, deteriorated or in a state of disrepair so as to be dangerous, unsightly or unhealthy and includes property containing

- (i) ashes, junk, cleanings of yards or other rubbish or refuse or a derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery, or bodies of these or parts thereof,
- (ii) an accumulation of wood shavings, paper, sawdust, dry and inflammable grass or weeds or other combustible material, or
- (iii) any other thing that is dangerous, unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person, and includes property, a building or structure
- (iv) that is in a ruinous or dilapidated condition,
- (v) the condition of which seriously depreciates the value of land or buildings in the vicinity,
- (vi) that is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes,
- (vii) that is an allurement to children who may play there to their danger,
- (viii) constituting a hazard to the health or safety of the public,
- (ix) that is unsightly in relation to neighbouring properties because the exterior finish of the building or structure or the landscaping is not maintained,
- (x) that is a fire hazard to itself or to surrounding lands or buildings, or
- (xi) that has been excavated or had fill placed on it in a manner that results in a hazard;

***n.b. The above provisions are reproduced here for general information purposes only and are not to be relied upon as an official version of the legislation.***

### 4) **Contact:**

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